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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Current Intelligence

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area

FROM : Chief, China and Asian Satellites Division

SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of [] Mission
C475C Flown on 26 August 1965

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1. This mission covered the coastal area from Canton north to the Shanghai area. It was similar to [] but covered more targets. A number of important military airfields, ground force installations, and several naval bases were photographed. No new missile sites were disclosed.

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Airfields

3. Thirteen airfields were covered in this mission. Some of these are important tactical bases while several such as Chingyang and Chungan in the Taiwan Strait area have not been occupied for years. The air order-of-battle at some fields such as Ningpo, Chia Hsing, Luchiao, and Shuikou closely approximates the current official holdings. However, at other fields there are substantial differences. At Hangchou, for example, the official AOB holds 50 jet fighters and 20 jet light bombers. This mission disclosed only 24 jet fighters and 16 jet light

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bombers. The mission also disclosed 18 MIG-19s and 39 MIG-15/17 jet fighters at Hsingning.

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Naval Installations

5. The Hou-so-cheng Shipyard near Ningpo was photographed. It was last covered on 30 April 1965. There has been no apparent change in the facilities but 4 probable W class submarines are in evidence which were not there in the earlier coverage.

6. The Tinghai Naval Base in the Choushan Islands was photographed. Only eighteen unidentified small craft were reported. In the last coverage of this facility on 30 April, some of Communist China's major surface force fleet was there including two RIGA class DEs, 4 T-43 minesweepers, a KAIBOKEN class PF, and several other ships. It is possible that the larger ships--particularly the RIGAs--returned to Shanghai.

Other Military Installations

7. A number of military barracks areas, radar sites, storage areas and depots were also photographed in this mission but nothing of significance was reported at these installations.

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